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## ARE WE CONNECTED?

Students get to grips with STEM at amazing BAE Systems Roadshow.

On Friday 1st February, representatives from BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the Royal Navy visited Lymm High School to talk about careers in Science, Computing and Engineering.

Their informative and

entertaining talk educated students about the work the organisations do and encouraged both boys and girls to explore careers in these industries. The roadshow is also a fun and interactive way for students to find out about how STEM shapes the world we live in.

BAE Systems work in close partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navy as they design, build and test planes and submarines. With over fifty different careers available in the RAF, the talk highlighted that there are many avenues for students to investigate.

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This year's talk centred on the question 'Are we connected?' We learnt how mobile phones connect people around the world, how computers talk to each other and how we communicate with our devices e.g. Bluetooth.

Through a mixture of short films and demonstration, students learnt how maths and science were vital in the development of communications technology and how this technology has been developed for use in remote and inaccessible locations, in particular; how the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy adapt their systems for use in submarines and high-speed jets and fighter planes.

Throughout the session, the BAE team also involved students in various interactive tasks, including problem solving games to explain how mobile phone and GPS systems work and races involving communicating with a Sphero bolt via a phone app. Students were even asked to volunteer in an experiment to demonstrate how a zorb ball replicated an algorithm.

A big thank you to our visitors for taking the time to come to school and portraying the message that Engineering is a career that can be pursued by both boys and girls. Well done to Year 8 for getting involved and representing Lymm High School so well. The roadshow was engaging and informative and we look forward to welcoming the team back again next year.





# **BUY A LOTTERY TICKET & SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL**



New Year, New Resolution – **Buy a lottery ticket to support our school!**

- Cash Prizes to be WON every week!
- Match all 6 numbers & WIN £25,000!
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# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Students at Lymm High School commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day by participating in a live webinar set up by the Holocaust Educational Trust.



To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2019, Year 9 scholars were incredibly privileged and touched to hear the story of a holocaust survivor from a webinar, broadcast live from Stoke Newington School.

Harry Spiro BEM is one of the few Holocaust survivors remaining to tell his incredible account of one of the most paradigm moral evil case

studies that Year 9 will learn about in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics this term. His story is truly heart breaking and he told it with honesty and passion.

Growing up in Poland, Harry's life changed when the Nazis invaded and the following excerpt of his account sums up the gravity of his story:

Harry was born in 1929 in

Piotrków Trybunalski, Poland. He lived with his parents and younger sister and was brought up in a religious Jewish household.

Harry was 10 when Germany invaded Poland in 1939. Piotrków was the first city where the Nazis established a ghetto, in October 1939, and all Jews, including Harry and his family, were forced to move there.



Life in the ghetto was terrible with families living in overcrowded, unhygienic conditions and forced to work for the Nazis – even though he was still a child, Harry worked in a glass factory.

In October 1942, there was an announcement that everyone in the ghetto was to stay inside their homes except for those who were working in the glass factory. Harry wanted to stay with his family but they insisted that he go to the factory with the other workers.

While Harry was at the factory, the ghetto was liquidated and all 22,000 inhabitants, including Harry's family, were taken to Treblinka extermination camp where they were murdered. The factory workers were moved into a smaller ghetto with a population of around 2,000.

Later, Harry was part of a labour camp that was liberated by the Soviet army and eventually, one of the 732 child survivors who were granted relocation settlement to the UK in 1945.

Our Year 9 students listened intensely to the story and partook in questions and answers at the end of the talk. The whole experience was brought close to home when one Lymm student, Zuza Konka, told us that her Grandfather grew up in the same town as Harry; Piotrków Trybunalski.



# INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER AWARD



A teacher from Lymm High School in Warrington nominated as an inspirational teacher in an award scheme from Oxford University.

A teacher has been honoured by Oxford University for her role in inspiring one of her former students.

Tracy Rigby, a Geography teacher at Lymm High School in Warrington, is one of ten state school teachers recognised in the university's annual Inspirational Teachers Awards.

She was nominated by

Hannah Leighton-Jones, who is currently studying for her first year of a Geography degree at Oxford.

Since 2010, the University of Oxford has run a scheme to recognise inspirational teachers from UK schools and colleges, recognising their role in encouraging talented students in their schools or colleges to realise their potential and make a

successful application to Oxford.

Each year, current first-year Oxford undergraduates from UK state schools or colleges are asked if they would like to nominate an inspirational teacher.

A letter received from the University thanked Mrs Rigby for inspiring Hannah in the study of geography and for fostering her passion for the subject, also noting the support Mrs Rigby gave throughout the application and interview process.

Mrs Rigby, who has taught for 18 years at the school in Lymm, said:

"It is my absolute pleasure to share my passion of geography with all students at Lymm and to receive this nomination in respect of inspiring Hannah Leighton-Jones is fantastic."

All award winners will attend an awards celebration ceremony and formal dinner, held at the Worcester College, Oxford on Friday 17th May.



# Ryman

## NATIONAL ENTERPRISE

### Challenge

## STUDENTS TAKE ON THE RYMAN CHALLENGE

Students develop their entrepreneurial skills as the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge comes to Lymm High School!

**T**he Ryman National Enterprise Challenge is the UK's largest school's enterprise competition.

On Monday 28th January, Lymm High School took part in this national inter-schools competition with all Year 9 students involved.

77 mixed ability teams of four students competed for the best Social Enterprise idea to take

forward to the Finals.

The National Enterprise Team launched the challenge on the day and students worked in teams to develop their enterprising ideas on how to get more girls and women into football and to pitch their idea, campaign and advert to a panel of judges.

Over 300 schools across the country are taking part with

more than 10,000 young people involved.

There were lots of good ideas and choosing winners proved extremely difficult.

In the end, there were two winning teams and these two teams will now represent the school at the National Finals at Wembley stadium on 10th July 2019.



# YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Lymm High School is delighted to be holding its annual Young Musician of the Year competition once more.

Auditions took place earlier this month, with students now preparing for the final of the competition on Tuesday 12th February, at 7pm.

Sponsored by the Lymm Rotary Club, the competition

was open to all levels, grades and styles of young instrumentalists and vocalists and aims to offer students the experience of performing on a public stage, highlight their musical talent whilst gaining impartial feedback and

assessment of their performance by experienced adjudicators.

We look forward to announcing the winner in next month's newsletter.





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# YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR



FEBRUARY 12, 2019 • 7PM

LHS MAIN HALL

HOSTED BY THE LHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT



# APPRENTICESHIP EVENING



We were delighted to hold our first ever Apprenticeship Evening on 31st January.

A large crowd of people filled the Lower Hex to learn more about the range of apprenticeships available and took part in workshops hosted by local companies, Further Education and Higher Education providers.

Students learned that high quality apprenticeships offer an exciting and challenging alternative route to further study at school or college and, as such, can be highly competitive when it comes to



applying for an apprenticeship post.

A talk from Dr Dave Armston about Apprenticeships proved popular with young people and their parents before students and parents headed to speak to training providers and businesses who offer

apprenticeships such as Unilever, Barclays, Hydes Breweries and Sellafield.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended with special thanks to training providers and external agencies for such a wonderful and informative evening.



# SUPER CURRICULAR SESSIONS

This year we offered our Sixth Form Gateway students an exciting opportunity - to be part of the HE+ project linked to Cambridge University.

The project enables students to access a range of super-curricular sessions to develop their subject knowledge outside of the A level specifications.

Twelve students opted to sign up for the project from Lymm High School and this month saw us host the second seminars.

Other sixth form schools and colleges in our consortium came to Lymm and were able to select from nine different sessions.

Thanks to all of the staff who ran sessions including those from other colleges and to students for their engagement.

Keep a look out for our next event, which will be delivered at Winstanley College by Cambridge lectures.



## PERFECT BEHAVIOUR FORTNIGHT

Our recent 'Perfect Behaviour' fortnight was a great success and we would like to thank all parents/carers for their support over the last two weeks.

Now that Perfect Behaviour Fortnight is over, it is important to stress that expectations will not be changing.

This was a useful exercise in allowing us to focus on some of the things that had slipped a little in recent weeks and has worked very well in re-establishing what we expect from students.

We certainly found ourselves issuing more detentions for the first few days, but it was very encouraging to see how quickly the numbers fell again as students miraculously

starting remembering to do things like tuck their shirts in and not to take the 'long way round' to lessons!

The message is very clear: no rules have changed and we expect the standards to remain high going forwards.

We have been really pleased with the way students have responded to this and form tutors have been rewarding with double hall points those students who haven't achieved any behaviour points or late marks. Congratulations to all these students!

We will continue to reward and celebrate students meeting and exceeding behavioural expectations, both with Hall Points and also our Rewards Pyramid.

# LEGO MINDSTORM - TOMORROW'S ENGINEERS

Students explore STEM with Army regiment the Royal Engineers

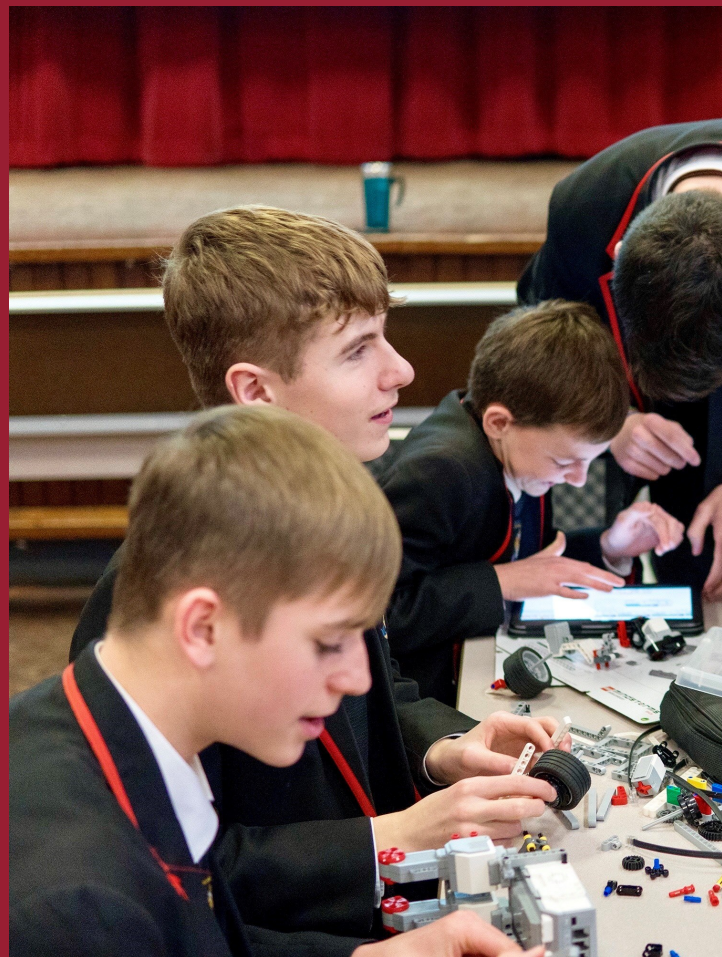
On Thursday 24th January, Year 10 scholars welcomed Captain Matt Thomas to Lymm High School. Captain Thomas is a member of the Royal Engineers, the army regiment that is responsible for undertaking civil engineering projects in locations worldwide.

During his visit, Captain Thomas spoke to the students about his experiences as an engineer in the army and the projects that he has been involved with.

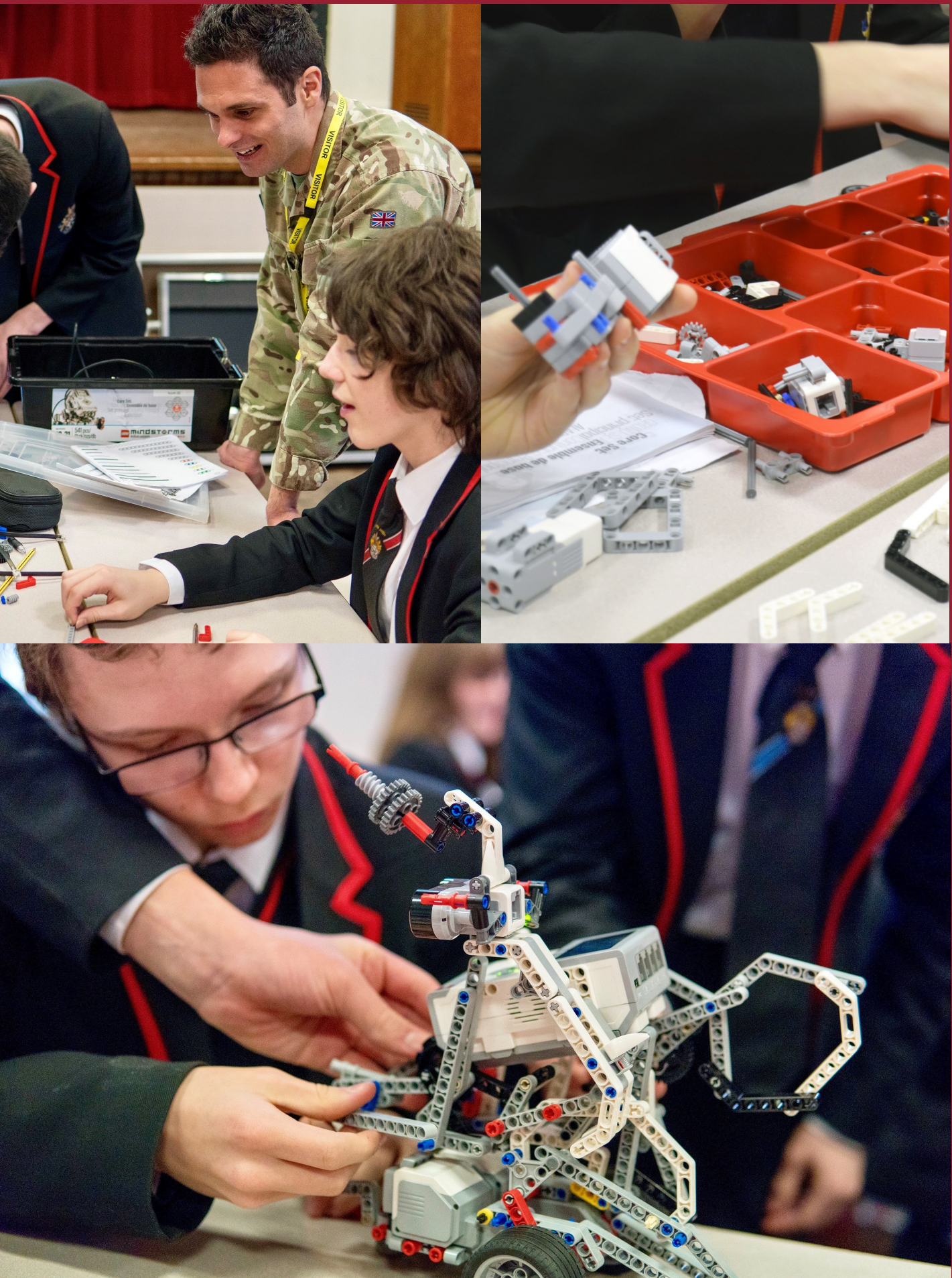
Students discovered the extent to which STEM is crucial to both Army operations and logistics and were surprised by the variety of STEM career paths that the army could offer.

The workshop offered the students some practical experience too. In small groups they were tasked with designing, building and programming a robot that could navigate a disaster area. The students engaged really well with this activity and some showed a real flair for design.

Using Lego Mindstorm the students were all successful in building a robot that met the brief. Captain Thomas was very impressed with the ingenuity and programming skills on display and really enjoyed meeting and working with our students.









# It's all About STEM



## ARKWRIGHT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

This year Lymm High School has become affiliated to the Arkwright scholarship programme.

The Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are awarded to the brightest Year 11 students nationally who have the ability to be exceptional engineers in the future.

The awards are very prestigious and the selection process is incredibly competitive.

This year we have two Year 11 students involved in the application process and we would like to wish them lots of luck as they progress to the next stage.

The scheme will be launched for interested Year 10 students later this term.



## ROYAL INSTITUTE MASTERCLASSES

Last term four Year 9 students took part in a series of Maths Masterclasses organised by the Royal Institute.

The Maths Masterclasses are a series of workshops which are led by experts from industry, academia and education. They offer students in-depth investigations of topics in maths combining theory with interactive exploration.

For six weeks the students spent Saturday mornings at Manchester Metropolitan University learning about new and interesting Maths topics including the geometry of fractals and group theory.

This is the second year that Lymm High School has been involved with the scheme and it is a great opportunity for our mathematicians to enrich their knowledge and inspire them to engage with Maths further.

## ALAN TURING CRYPTOLOGY COMPETITION

The Alan Turing Competition has returned for another year. The competition offers budding codebreakers the opportunity to grapple with increasingly difficult and more complex codes in an effort to be one of the first to find the hidden meaning and words.

This year we have three teams entered in the competition – from both Key Stages 3 and 4. The competition takes place on Mondays and each week's new puzzle released at 4pm.

There is still the opportunity to join one of the teams and get involved. The next challenges will be released on the 4th and 11th February.

Interested students should see Mrs Dowdall in the Maths faculty hub.



# Engineering Taster Weeks

8-12 and 15-19 July 2019



Are you ready for  
your engineering  
career to take off?

- Join a group of like-minded 16-18 year olds on a residential week at BAE Systems Warton and Samlesbury.
- Develop valuable team working skills and experience solving a real world engineering challenge.
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Opening date for applications:

21 January 2019 - 09:00

Closing date for applications:

22 March 2019 - 21:00



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A decorative illustration in a dark blue, engraved style on a light tan background. It features a variety of musical instruments including a trumpet, a tuba, a violin, and a flute, interspersed with detailed roses and leaves. A large, solid dark blue semi-circle is positioned on the left side, partially overlapping the instruments and flowers, and serving as a backdrop for the event text.

# SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Main Hall | 7pm

Tickets £6



# Y9 CHOICES

Over the past month, our Year 9 students have undertaken the important process of choosing their GCSE subjects.

Making curriculum choices in Year 9 is a very important part of student's time in school. It is an opportunity for them to take control of their education and shape the way they want their future to be.

The choices process has therefore, been carefully designed to encourage students to be reflective and support them in making informed and balanced decisions.

Throughout January, students have attended assemblies to hear about subjects they have not studied before, received their Choices booklets and

forms, and are now in the process of having Choices interviews to talk through their decisions.

We have been incredibly impressed with how our Year 9 students have tackled these big decisions with maturity and careful consideration.

Completed choices forms must be returned to form tutors by Friday 8th February.





# GCSE MOCK RESULTS

Students set to 'Amaze' after receiving their GCSE Mock Results.

**J**anuary simulated the actual experience that students will have when they collect their final GCSE results in August.

The tension, nervous energy and excitement in the sports hall before students opened their envelopes was very evident!

The results have provided our students with the latest marker of where they are now and how they are progressing towards their actual GCSE outcomes.

It was an opportunity to

celebrate progress made by many students towards achieving and exceeding their targets at this key point in their journey.

Many students were pleased to see that they are on track to do extremely well, and others were disappointed that they had not achieved their expectations.

Where there is disappointment, it is important that students reflect on and are honest about why they got the results they did, be it: not enough revision completed; timings went array

in the exam or weaknesses in understanding topics.

For those students who have had a bit of a wake-up call today, what is important is how they respond going forward and the action they take to improve.

It is not too late; students can act to make a difference to their outcomes in the summer.

As a school, we have been impressed by the efforts and 'can do' attitude of our Year 11 students and look forward to them 'Amazing' us over the next 50 schools days.



With only 50 school days before the Easter Holidays, what are you going to do to be amazing! You cannot leave it until after Easter; we will only have 13 school days before the first external exam!

**SO START NOW!! BE AMAZING!!**

During our 50 days to Amaze, if you can do the following, there are 300 bonus points up for grabs... make sure you fill in your passport to ensure you grab the opportunities on offer.

**UP TO 50 POINTS FOR EACH BULLET POINT COMPLETED OVER THE 50 DAYS...**

- 50 days no absence
- 50 Tassomai questions answered every day of the 50 days
- 50 Pods watched during the run of the passport
- 50 revision/study sessions attended at least during the 50 days
- 50 bonus hall points from form tutors achieved during the 50 days (the weekly 5 bonus hall points)
- 50 BFL Grade 1's achieved during the 50 days

**300 POINTS UP FOR GRABS...**

**ACHIEVE 300 POINTS...**

**VIP AT THE PROM**

**ACHIEVE 200 POINTS...**

**IN THE DRAW FOR SOME MYSTERY PRIZES**

**ACHIEVE 250 POINTS...**

**INVITE TO ALTON TOWERS**

# YOUTH SPEAKS

Students represent Lymm High School and Afritwin in the 2019 Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

Charity starts with Afritwin at Lymm High School, and on Wednesday 16th January three Year 12 students, Cameron Green, Rosie May Larkin and Katie Reader, represented Lymm High School and Afritwin in the 2019 Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

The students used this fantastic opportunity to discuss the benefits of charity and being engaged with the world's wider problems.

The speech was titled "Ignorance is not bliss". Cameron was the chairperson.

He captured the attention of the audience by explaining to them what Afritwin does and introducing the speech.

Student Rosie gave the main speech, citing last summer's trip to South Africa, she argued we could make a difference by becoming involved with charities, big or small.

Katie closed the speech and reiterated the differences

societies can make to the lives of others.

Although, our team did not win the competition, the students enjoyed it hugely and loved the opportunity to highlight the partnership between Lymm High School and Qhasana High School, our partner in South Africa.

Our students were buoyed further on receipt of the news

from Qhasana that their pass rate had increased from 29% to 43% in the space of one year, partly thanks to the funding Afritwin provided for revision camps for the students.

This is a significant improvement from the 11% Qhasana achieved two years ago, when Afritwin first started to fund these camps, and Qhasana is now aiming for 70% next year!







# AFRITWIN AT THE ROTARY

**E**arlier in the month, four Afritwin students attended a presentation evening run by the Rotary club.

This was a celebration evening where groups that had assisted with the Rotary's Santa float in the run up to Christmas were presented with cheques as a thank you for their hard work.



During the evening our students gave a presentation about the successes of the Afritwin project, explaining the projects aims and about what the money could be used for.

The team acquitted themselves extremely well and were a credit to themselves and the school.

Thank you to the Rotary Club, Afritwin was very grateful for the donation made to them.





# RISKY BEHAVIOUR

Over the last few weeks, students have been treated to a range of risky behaviour workshops.

Delivered by Warrington Youth Service, these workshops are designed specifically for young people to identify risk-taking, provide emotional wellbeing and resilience alongside accessing proactive strategies to make informed choices.

Alongside this, the 'Youth Service Mobile Bus' was

available to all students during a number of lunchtimes.

The state of the art, mobile provision supported the delivery of the workshops by providing an informal, confidential space for all students to access a range of 'risky behaviour' themes including healthy relationships, the hazards of smoking, self-esteem and body image, alcohol awareness, NPSs, sexual health, child

sexual exploitation (CSE), drugs awareness, and equality and diversity.

The workshops and mobile service were a huge success with our students, which is a testament to the outstanding knowledge, provision and approachability of the volunteers/staff.

Many thanks to the Warrington Youth Service Team for providing our students with such superb experiences and opportunities.

# LYMM



# MAYBALL

LHS PTA



SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY 18TH MAY**



# UNBELIEVABLE LHS



Students to enjoy a coaching session with Sky Sports pundit Chris Kamara as part of an action-packed PE challenge event.

The English Schools FA Playstation Schools' Cup is the biggest football tournament in the country for secondary schools for both boys and girls.

Helping mark a celebration of schools' football in England, the ESFA Playstation Schools' Cup gave boys and girls teams taking part in this season's competition the chance to win a coaching session at their



school with Sky Sports presenter Chris Kamara with the support of ESFA coaches. We are delighted to announce that Lymm High School successfully won the competition and will welcome Sky Sports presenter Chris Kamara to Lymm High to

coach our students.

This fantastic prize will take place during this year's National Schools' Football Week on Friday 8th February 2019. Unbelievable...



# SILVER FOR ERIC

## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lymm High School student wins silver medal at Cheshire Cross Country Championships.

**T**welve-year-old Erik Marshall made a thrilling finish last month when he won a silver medal during the Cheshire Cross Country Championships.

Also a member of Warrington Athletics Club, Marshall was initially several metres behind Macclesfield Harriers' Aadi Whitlock.

In a thrilling finishing straight in the under 13s boys' race, Erik dug deep to secure himself the silver medal.

Speaking about his fantastic finish Erik Marshall said, "I wasn't going to let him win.

"I got him about 15 metres from the line I reckon. I just ran the race and tried to get the best place I could do."

Congratulations to Erik for such a fantastic achievement.





# WARRINGTON YOUTH INDOOR ROWING

Students represent Lymm High School Rowing Club competitively for the first time in its history and refuse to be seen as just participants.



Last month, sixteen students from Lymm High School travelled to the Halliwell Jones Stadium to take part in an indoor rowing event, organised by Warrington Youth Rowing. The event pitted Lymm High School against eight other Warrington schools, in a novice race competition, on rowing machines inside of the stadium. Ranging from Year 8 to Year

10 and unlike the other schools that took part, our students had no prior experience of rowing, but this did not deter their confidence and enjoyment of the event.

First up was our Year 10 team, comprised of LHS students, Alice Shields and Shirly Ho in the girl's competition, and Ollie Degnan and Cameron Tomlin in the boys.

Alice and Shirley kept a steady but firm pace over the five

minutes of racing. Spectators watched on as other girls tired around them, as Alice stormed to win the gold medal, with Shirley coming in at 4th place, only narrowly missing a bronze medal.

For the boy's competition, student Ollie kept up with much more experienced competition until the end, earning a respectable sixth overall.



Year 9 student Jacob Mungai led the boys for some of the 4 minute race, but held on to win a bronze medal whilst Lauren Cooke and Kiera Read scrapped it out on neighbouring machines as two of the top three girls for their entire race.

Lauren was able to overtake Kiera managing to claim the silver medal with Kiera respectfully winning the bronze.

Year 8 boys and girls were in good numbers with five boys and four girls placing well in their age categories. Special mention must go to student, Jack Harter, who only had his first experience on a rowing machine that morning, and produced the best result of 4th overall.

Caitlin Baldwin was the highest placed girl in an amazing 7th.

Once individual races ended, students got into teams for a high-powered relay event. Four team members had to run down 2000m as quickly as possible.

This was as much about teamwork, changeovers, as it was brute, and brawn. All teams worked well with the Year 9 team (with additional

student Jack from Year 8) coming out as bronze medallists and winning Lymm their fifth medal of the day.

Our students did a fantastic job of applying themselves and proved how well-rounded, conscientious and driven Lymm High School students are.

They proudly represented Lymm High School Rowing Club competitively for the first time in its history and refused to be seen as just participators. Well done to all involved!

We hope this continues the charge of rowing at Lymm High School, which has a rich history of successful oarsman, like Olympic medallist Rick Egerton, and U18 and U23 World Champion Lucy Glover.

Mr Brownley and Megan Dumbavand run an indoor rowing club for Key stage 3 students on a Wednesday lunchtime. All are welcome to attend; please see Mr Brownley to confirm.





# LHS SPORTS STARS

## PHOEBE HAMPSON



Congratulations to student Phoebe Hampson on being selected for the Wales Womens Under 19 squad to train at their camp in Newport. An amazing achievement!



## GIRLS FOOTBALL (YEAR 7)

Our Year 7 girls football team performed magnificently in the Warrington School Sport Partnership football tournament. They now progress and will face schools from all over the county.

## ENGLAND HANDBALL

Ella Oldland, Suzie Underwood and Lauren Smith have been called to attend the Under 17 England Handball training camp, a great opportunity to highlight what they can do.



## NETBALL (SENIORS)

Our Senior Netball team finished runners up in the Cheshire Finals after a draw on points but unfortunately not on goal difference.

An amazing achievement girls, you should be very proud.

## ATHLETICS

Well done to our Y7 & Y8 indoor athletics teams who competed at the Warrington schools indoor championships. Y7 girls and Y8 boys winning and getting through to the Cheshire final!



## JORDAN JONES



Congratulations to Jordan Jones who won the Cheshire Cross Country Championships at Delamere Forest on Saturday 6th January. He has now been selected to represent Cheshire in the Inter Country Cross Country Championships in March.

Well done to all Lymm athletes who participated.

They achieved a fantastic set of results representing the school, winning gold, silver and bronze medals across age categories.

## GRACE BRADLEY

Congratulations to Grace on being called into the Wales Under 18 Girls Hockey squad to train ahead of their international fixture against Scotland in March.





# A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU



## KS3 Students say a big thank you to Teaching Assistants.

On 28th January, a top-secret plan came to fruition. Students from years 7, 8 and 9 have been tirelessly crafting away, making decorations and goody bags over previous weeks.

All their hard work has been in aid of throwing a surprise thank you party for their teaching assistants.

They originally started planning the event in December with the help of year 11 Health and Social care students who helped them

order the decoration supplies and choose party food.

They all did a fantastic job of putting the event together but special mention needs to go to Izzy Cleminson, Ben Carlisle and Harley McGrath who gave up several lunchtimes to create paper chains and tissue paper pom-poms.

All students were adamant that they wanted to show the TAs how much they appreciate their help and hard work.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 8th February**

Y9 Choices Deadline  
Sports Dinner

**Tuesday 12th February**

Young Musician Award

**Tuesday 12th - 13th Feb**

Y10 SRE Days

**Friday 15th February**

End of Term

**Monday 25th February**

Term Begins  
(students return)

**Thursday 28th February**

Year 12 Parents Evening

**Tuesday 12-14th March**

Y9 Immunisations

**Thursday 14th March**

Y10 Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 20th March**

Y13 Results Day

**Tuesday 26th March**

Spring Concert

**Friday 5th April**

End of Term

**Tuesday 23rd April**

Term Begins  
(students return)

**Fri 19th - Mon 22nd April**

Easter Weekend

**Saturday 18th May**

LHS May Ball



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